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Enclosure

Dear Mr. London:

The Secretary has asked me to reply to your letter of January 23 in which you raise the possibility of the major Nazi war criminals still in Spandau prison being released.

I must say at once that I fully understand the feeling of revulsion which most Americans feel for all those who were personally involved in the terrible crimes against humanity for which the Nazi regime was guilty. Your concern is natural and this concern has been taken into account in considering the matter of the three individuals who are still serving their sentences.

The West German Red Cross did recently suggest clemency to the Four Powers which still administer Spandau--Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, and the United States. However, no action has been taken and we anticipate none at this time.

Sincerely yours,

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